

# **SEAT PLEASANT NEWS**

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To the 2020 High School Graduates we salute and honor you today. Over the past few years of High School you have been challenged in so many ways and gone through various struggles. Whether those challenges and struggles were academic, athletic, social and familial; you had experiences that you've never confronted before. Likewise, each generation before you had their challenges and struggles too. Many before endured a lot of suffering and pain too.

However, for the 2020 graduates you have faced a worldwide pandemic that saw thousands die and even more inflicted. You witnessed your school close it's physical doors; proms, class trips and graduations were all cancelled. You did not get to have the joys that come with being a senior because of a pandemic that interrupted your life. No doubt, many of you are very disappointed in how your senior year ended.

Nevertheless, you made it. Regardless of those things that got in your way or attempted to impede your progress YOU MADE IT. God has been gracious and your personal work ethic and sacrifice made it happen. The 2020 graduates of the "Real MVP's". Many of you took the sour lemons, squeezed them, added some sugar and made the lemonade. You took what could have crushed you and turned it into something meaningful.

For instance, we acknowledge Jayla Cypress, a resident of Seat Pleasant and a successful 2020 graduate of James Hubert Flowers High School. She and her family did not let the lack of a graduation stop her from celebrating her achievements. The City of Seat Pleasant was happy to be part of her grand celebration by coordinating a Graduation Parade in her honor. Jayla rode a horse through the streets of SEAT PLEASANT with a caravan of cars, motorcycles, vans and trucks. Escorted by the Seat Pleasant Police Department and supported by the Public Engagement Department along with myself we took over the streets with balloons, streamers, and blowing our horns.

We are so proud of Jayla as she was a summer intern at City Hall and Public Works for three straight summers. Jayla's next stop will be Coppin State in Baltimore, Maryland to study Crimanl Justice. We are so proud of ALL Seat Pleasant High School graduates and pray for the best of health, joy and financial security.

On behalf of the City Council, the Executive Management team and staff we applaud each of our 2020 Graduates for a job well done. Don't let the struggles from the Coronavirus slow or even get you down. One of our noted ancestors, Frederick Douglas said, "If there is no struggle; there is no progress." There will always be struggles in life. Learn how to manage and overcome. God bless each graduating senior and God bless Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence.



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By not being counted in the 2020 Census, we lose:

\$18,250 per person in Prince George's County

\$210,000 in Seat Pleasant

\$21,555,250 in Maryland

Over a ten-year period

Don't lose out on legislative representation, infrastructure projects, supplemental insurances, housing, school, temporary assistance programs and more...

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# INVEST IN HOPE

**DEBIT CARDS FOR ESSENTIALS** 

The "Invest in Hope" campain will fund mastercardbranded debit cards for basic living expenses, kicked off by donation from former resident Wanda Durant.











Mayor Eugene W. Grant announced the launch of a GoFundMe fundraising campaign, "Invest in Hope", with a goal of helping The City of Seat Pleasant's, most vulnerable residents with essential living expenses amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The campaign was seeded with a generous donation from Wanda Durant, former resident and mother of NBA star Kevin Durant.

Eligible residents can apply for financial assistance which will be distributed through debit cards enabled by Mastercard's City Possible network in partnership with Usio. The program provides direct relief to families and residents living at or below the poverty line to use for basic living expenses, such as food, health care, or utilities. In addition to the Mastercard City Possible Program and Usio, Mayor Grant and Seat Pleasant would like to acknowledge IGNITE Cities, a mayoral advisory firm specializing in smart city initiatives, for their efforts in facilitating and spearheading the formation of this partnership.

# PRE-APPLY AT WWW.SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV/PROJECT/INVESTINHOPE

We encourage people to make donations in any amount – even \$5, \$10 or \$20 – as it will help impoverished people who need it the most at theis time. To donate, visit:

WWW.GOFUNDME.COM/INVESTINHOPE

# Stay Informed Get Notified

Download the "MySeatPleasant" App REGISTER your account and get access to:



-Covid19 (Corona Virus) Updates

-County-State Level Alerts

- -News + Alerts
- -City Leadership
- -Event Calendar
- -24/7 Service Requests

As we work to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Seat Pleasant, A Smart City of Excellence, we're working hard to keep YOU informed and up-to-date on important news, events, and notifying you 24/7 surrounding the Covid19 virus and all Smart City News. We thank you for your cooperation.



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For more information, visit www.seatpleasantmd.gov/coronavirus



# **Emergency Food Pantry**

UCAP operates an Emergency Food Pantry providing basic food necessities to residents of Prince Georges County, Md. in need, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, age or disability.

M-F 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

EVERYONE MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AND BRING A
MARYLAND ID

Call 301-322-5700 ext 101 to Schedule an Appointment



# Prince George's County Memorial Library System www.pgcmls.info

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, all PGCMLS buildings are closed temporarily until further notice. All in-person programs, outreach, meeting room use, and passport services are suspended. All fines incurred during the closure will be waived when the library system reopens. Book drops are closed. The library's <u>Digital Suite</u> and 85+ <u>online</u> resources are available 24/7 at <a href="https://www.pgcmls.info">www.pgcmls.info</a>.

- The library system's website is available in Spanish <a href="https://pgcmls.info/su-biblioteca">https://pgcmls.info/su-biblioteca</a> and other languages
- Use your current library card or get a new card online at <a href="https://pgcmls.info/library-card-services-413">https://pgcmls.info/library-card-services-413</a>
- Access free wifi outside most branches by using your library card number. Signal strengths will vary.
- Participate in new virtual events daily, or watch past events produced since March.









# Weatherization

#### **ENERGY SAVING SERVICES**

We provide green, affordable, healthy energy-efficient homes for low-to moderate-income homeowners.

Prince George's County residents can make their homes more energy efficient and reduce household bills through weatherization, minor—rehab and replacing old appliances with Energy-Star rated appliances.

We perform residential energy audits and remediation throughout the County to significantly reduce costs and help improve the environment.

#### To learn more contact:

**Angela Tibbs, Neighborhood Development Coordinator** 

Call (301) 322-5700 Ext. 172

Email Angela - atibbs@ucappgc.org



# **County Phased Reopening**



Beginning Monday, June 15, 2020, at 5:00 PM, Prince George's County has begun a modified phase two reopening. This decision was made under the advice of public health officials and the data that the County has been monitoring, including continued downward trends in the number of new cases, the number of COVID-19 deaths, and hospitalizations.

As a part of the modified phase two reopening, residents are still encouraged to exercise caution and limit non-essential trips to help stop the spread of COVID-19. It is important to continue to wash your hands frequently, practice social distancing, and wear a face-covering in all stores and on public transportation.

All County businesses with questions about whether they can be open and how they can operate as Prince George's County moves through its phased reopening should reach out to Experience Prince George's ReopenPrinceGeorges@co.pg.md.us or 301-925-8300.

#### **Modified Phase Two Reopenings**

The County's modified phase two reopening will include the following:

**Retail -** Retail stores will be able to open in-store, with safeguards and capacity limits. 5 people per 1,000 square feet will be allowed in store, not to exceed 50% percent capacity.

**Barbershops and Hair Salons** - Barbershops and hair salons will be allowed to open for hair services by appointment only at 50% percent capacity, with the use of PPE. This includes face masks and gloves for all employees and customers must also wear masks, along with appropriate floor markings to create adequate social distancing. Employees will not be permitted to have clients waiting in a sitting area. All CDC guidelines for cleaning high use surfaces must also be followed.

**Nail salons -** Nail salons can now reopen by appointment with strong safeguards and physical distancing in place. These businesses must have PPE, including face coverings and gloves, and they may only have 1 customer per 200 sq. ft. of service delivery space. Customers are required to wear face coverings, and high contact surfaces must be cleaned with disinfectant every 2 hours. Digital payment methods should be encouraged as well.

**Restaurants** - Restaurants may open with outside seating and they may have indoor dining at 50% percent capacity, as allowed by the State of Maryland. There can be no more than 6 people seated at a table, tables must be at least six feet apart, and no more than 50 people will be allowed at any outdoor restaurant establishment regardless of space. All employees must wear face coverings, and restaurants must have hand sanitizer and appropriate hand washing facilities available. Restaurant patrons must wear face coverings unless they are eating, otherwise, face coverings must be worn at all times.

**Houses of Worship** - Houses of worship can open for gatherings not to exceed 25 percent capacity. Otherwise, they can maintain online services, drive-in services, and outdoor services of 250 people or less, as long as they maintain appropriate social distancing.

Childcare Facilities - Childcare facilities will be able to open for essential employees and for employees who are returning to work as part of the modified phase two. In addition to the use of masks and gloves for all employees and having appropriate social distancing and disinfecting in place, they must also have a schedule for staggered drop-offs and pickups, conduct daily symptom checks, and have a strict dismissal policy in the event of positive cases.

Closures Still in Place - Some businesses and services that remain closed include: Gyms, fitness centers, and other indoor physical activities, indoor pools, tattoo parlors, spas/massage parlors, amusement parks, casinos, enclosed shopping malls and county government buildings.

# City Council Monthly Meeting & Legislation Action Office of the City Clerk

#### May 2020

### Monday, May 4, 2020, Regular Work Session

Resolution R-20-14 Cooperation Agreement with CDBG and Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development **Approved 7-0-0** 

Charter Amendment Resolution CA-20-02 Creating a New Section State of Emergency <u>Approved 7-0-0</u>
Ordinance O-20-15 Establishing a New Chapter 40-Civil Emergency (**First Reading**)
Ordinance O-20-16 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget for Grant Revenue for the Police
Department (**First Reading**)

### Monday, May 11, 2020, FY2021 Proposed Budget Hearing

The City Council held the Budget Hearing in accordance to the mandate in the City Charter.

# Monday, May 11, 2020 FY2021 Constant Yield Hearing

The City Council held the Constant Yield Hearing in accordance to the mandate of the State of Maryland.

# Monday, May 11, 2020, Public Session

Ordinance O-20-16 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget for Grant Revenue for the Police Department **Approved 7-0-0** 

The Meeting Minutes for the month of April were **Approved 7-0-0** 

# Saturday, May 16, 2020 FY2021 Proposed Budget Hearing

The City Council held the Budget Hearing in accordance to the mandate in the City Charter.

The City Council Regular Work Session will be held on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:00p.m., and the Public Session will be held on Monday, June 8, 7:00p.m. All meetings are opened to the public with comments being taken in the Public Session. During the COVID-19 the City Council meetings will be held via Zoom with citizens being provided access to join the meeting from the city's website.

Copies of legislation and approved meeting minutes can be found on the City's website www.seatpleasantmd.gov or by contacting the City Clerk Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC directly on 301-336-2600.





